

I am protesting Sinclair's decision to air a movie with such clear political intent so close to an election. This act is obviously done with the intention of swaying the elections against Senator Kerry, and is a cynical attempt at undermining the balance of our democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law and by common decency to serve the public interest. But when large corporations control the airwaves, the public interest is pushed to the side, and we get less of what we need for our democracy. Very important issues, like the skyrocketing national debt, an explosive genocide in the Sudan, and a large segment of the population in poverty, without a job that covers all necessary expenses or health care - many young people, high school graduates. These issues are pushed to the side so we can discuss issues that only serve to open up old wounds and divide the country.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. They also show how vital it is that the rights of individual station owners to decide their programming should be strengthened. Thank you.